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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Hiroyuki INOKAWA, et al. : EXAMINER: CHOWDHURY, AFROZA
SERIAL NO: 10/528,173 :
FILED: MARCH 17, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2629
FOR: INPUT DEVICE AND PROCESS :
FOR MANUFACTURING THE :
SAME, PORTABLE ELECTRONIC :
APPARATUS COMPRISING :
INPUT DEVICE :

ELECTION

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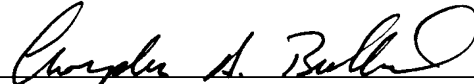
In response to the Election Requirement dated February 1, 2008, Applicants elect without traverse Species I, list Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 9-15 as readable thereon, and list Claim 1 as generic.

Applicants respectfully submit that the indication that there is no generic claim is in error. Specifically, Claim 1 reads on all embodiments of Species I-VIII, and should thus be considered generic. Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims, directed to non-elected species, which include the limitations of an allowable generic claim, as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem that a personal or telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing this application toward allowance, he or she is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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